

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR**

**Call to Order:** By Chairman Scott Mendenhall, on March 7, 2007 at 8:00 A.M., in Room 172 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Scott Mendenhall, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Jim Keane, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Mike Milburn, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Elsie Arntzen (R)  
Rep. Shannon Augare (D)  
Rep. Scott Boggio (R)  
Rep. Ernie Dutton (R)  
Rep. Kevin T. Furey (D)  
Rep. Ralph Heinert (R)  
Rep. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. Harry Klock (R)  
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)  
Rep. Wayne Stahl (R)  
Rep. Bill Thomas (D)  
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch  
Nancy Kraft, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 43, 3/2/2007; SB 323, 2/21/2007  
Executive Action: None

**HEARING ON SB 43**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:41 Sen. Mitch Tropila (D), SD 12, opened the hearing on SB 43, Revise licensing requirements of petroleum measuring device if ownership changes.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:14 Jack Kane, Department of Labor and Industry  
00:07:29 Ronna Alexander, Montana Petroleum Marketers' Convenience Store Operators  
00:07:54 Dave Galt, Montana Petroleum Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:08:36 Sen. Tropila

**HEARING ON SB 323**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:09:29 Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D), SD 43, opened the hearing on SB 323, Limit duration of certificate of public advantage.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:22:18 John Goodnow, CEO, Benefis Healthcare  
**EXHIBIT (buh48a01)**  
00:27:56 John Flink, An Association of Montana Health Care Providers (MHA)  
**EXHIBIT (buh48a02)**  
00:32:45 Chris Ebeling, Benefis Healthcare Board of Directors  
**EXHIBIT (buh48a03)**  
00:35:12 Mary Sheehy Moe, Benefis Healthcare Board of Directors  
**EXHIBIT (buh48a04)**  
00:38:46 Earl Old Person, Chief, Blackfeet Nation  
**EXHIBIT (buh48a05)**  
00:46:53 Dr. John Bloemendaal, Orthopedic Surgeon, Benefis Healthcare  
00:50:46 Vickie Hatzenbeller, Benefis Healthcare

00:51:02 Eric Sletten, Sletten Construction Company  
00:51:16 Cherry Loney, Community Health Care  
00:51:37 Kelli Meuchel, North Central Montana Physicians IPA

**EXHIBIT (buh48a06)**

00:51:56 Dr. Marcus Johnson, North Central Montana Physicians  
IPA

**EXHIBIT (buh48a07)**

00:52:16 Ronda Wiggers, Great Falls Chamber of Commerce

**EXHIBIT (buh48a08)**

00:52:30 Jani McCall, Billings Clinic  
00:52:45 Edward Suni Little Bloom, Blackfeet Tribal Council  
00:53:03 Phillip Rattler, Blackfeet Liaison  
00:53:29 Jim Christensen, Pondera Medical Center  
00:53:45 Moe Wosepka, Montana Catholic Conference  
00:54:18 Mark Cross, Marias Medical Center  
00:54:35 Mike Foster, Sisters of Charity Hospitals

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:55:09 Dr. Steve Akre, Great Falls Clinic

**EXHIBIT (buh48a09)**

01:00:03 Jane Drolet, Central Montana Hospital  
01:04:09 Dr. Steven Chrzanowski, Great Falls Clinic and Central  
Montana Hospital  
01:08:45 Mona Jamison, Great Falls Clinic and Central Montana  
Hospital

**EXHIBIT (buh48a10)**

**EXHIBIT (buh48a11)**

**Additional Proponents' Testimony:**

01:25:59 Dr. Charles Jennings

**EXHIBIT (buh48a12)**

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:26:46 Rep. Furey  
01:27:20 Sen. Laslovich  
01:28:13 Rep. Reinhart  
01:28:36 Ms. Jamison  
01:30:20 Rep. Reinhart  
01:36:09 Mr. Goodnow  
01:37:47 Rep. Milburn  
01:38:23 Dr. Akre  
01:40:49 Rep. Dutton  
01:45:11 Mr. Goodnow  
01:46:24 Rep. Milburn

01:47:59 Mr. Goodnow  
01:48:49 Rep. Jones  
01:52:41 Mr. Goodnow  
01:54:13 Rep. Jones  
01:58:47 Dr. Akre  
01:59:58 Rep. Jones  
02:00:35 Mr. Goodnow  
02:03:56 Rep. Dutton  
02:12:10 Mr. Goodnow  
02:14:01 Rep. Jones  
02:14:59 Mr. Goodnow  
02:18:06 Rep. Jones  
02:18:31 Dr. Akre  
02:19:23 Rep. Furey  
02:20:08 Mr. Goodnow  
02:20:32 Rep. Mendenhall  
02:20:57 Mr. Goodnow

**Closing by Sponsor:**

02:24:37 Sen. Laslovich

**ADJOURNMENT**

02:34:04 Adjournment: 10:35 A.M.

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REP. SCOTT MENDENHALL, Chairman

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NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([buh48aad.pdf](#))**